

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 in Room 200 of the Northern Building – 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Jesse Brunette, Pat Evans, Julie Knier, Rich Langan
Excused: Steve Fewell, Tom Lund, Pat LaViolette
Also Present: Mark Quam, Diane Pivonka, John Paul
Jayme Sellen, Supervisor Jack Krueger
Lisa Alexander, Other Interested Parties

I. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Evans at 6:05 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda:

Motion made by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Knier to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

III Approve//Modify Minutes of February 24, 2008:

Motion made by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Knier to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from Public/Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Report from Human Services Chair, Patrick Evans:

Chairman Evans announced the following:

- Mark Quam, Director of Human Services, will be retiring effective April 30th.
- Lisa Alexander has been hired as a secretary in the County Board office.

1. Review Minutes of:

- a. **Aging & Disability Resource Center Board (2/26/09)**
- b. **Community Options Program Appeals Cmte (3/2/09)**
- c. **Veterans' Recognition Sub-Cmte (3/10/09)**

Motion made by Supervisor Knier and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Communications:

- 2. **Communication from Norb Dantine re: Check to see if Lutheran Social Services is getting paid double from the County and State for placement of sex offenders. (Referred from February Administration Committee):**

Chairman Evans addressed the communication from Supervisor Dantine, stating that it is his understanding Brown County does not pay Lutheran Social Services for placement of sex offenders.

Motion made by Supervisor Knier and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2a. **Communication from Supervisor Dantine re: To have the County as a whole draft a resolution that would stop the raising of fees for state use. (Referred from March County Board):**

Chairman Evans indicated that this matter is being discussed at all committees and a recommendation has been made to have Legislative Assistance Jayme Sellen develop a list of increased fees felt to be state imposed and a detriment to users.

Mr. Quam explained that in the Human Services area they are more concerned with funding cuts than they are with fees being raised. He agreed to work with Ms. Sellen on this matter.

Motion made by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Knier to refer to Legislative Assistant, Jayme Sellen. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2b. **Communication from Supervisor Evans re: To evaluate the Human Services Table of Organization and investigate the possible separation of the Human Services Department and the Mental Health Center/Community Treatment Center; with the possible elimination of a management position. (Referred from March County Board):**

Chairman Evans presented an option to separate the Director of Human Services and the Director of the Mental Health Center/Community Treatment Center to one position for consideration.

Mr. Quam explained that although the County has the authority to do this and efficiencies have been found in counties who have merged social service programs with community programs. The nursing home and hospital would be separate from the outpatient clinic. He added in his opinion, the separation is not necessary, but a preference, pointing out that if staff stays at its current level, there would be no benefit.

Supervisor Langan indicated he was not ready to make a decision on the matter at this time and asked for time for further review. Ms. Sellen indicated that County Executive Hinz is reviewing the matter.

Motion made by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Langan to refer to Human Resources for further study and report back in 30 days. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Department:

3. **Ordinance re: Amend Sec. 38.01 (4)(4) of the Brown County Code entitled "Public Health Nuisance":**

Chairman Evans reported that JBS Packerland has approved the odor ordinance. Their new smoke stack has been completed and will be connected within the next few days.

Supervisor Knier asked why the Health Department is being given the discretion to give a forfeiture of at least \$1,250, but not more than \$2,000.

John Paul of the Health Department was present and explained that the Board of Health has approved the guidelines, stating that it provides an opportunity to deal with the situation. The 3rd penalty in the past was open ended, which Corporation Counsel was not comfortable with.

Supervisor Langan asked who would prosecute if a citation is given and Mr. Paul responded that the DA's office would do this.

Motion made by Supervisor Langan and seconded by Supervisor Knier to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Aging & Disability Resource Center:

4. **Revenue & Expense Report January 31, 2009:**

Motion made by Supervisor Knier and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Human Services Dept.

5. **Mental Health Center Statistics for February 2009:**

Motion made by Supervisor Knier and seconded by Supervisor Langan to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **Bellin Psychiatric Monthly Report for February 2009:**

The report of Linda Roethle of the Bellin Psychiatric Center shows there were no transfers of involuntary adolescents to other institutions, nor were any admissions refused in the month of February.

Motion made by Supervisor Knier and seconded by Supervisor Langan to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

7 **Approval for New Non-Continuous Vendor:**

Motion made by Supervisor Knier and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **Request for New Vendor Contract:**

Motion made by Supervisor Knier and seconded by Supervisor Langan to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **Monthly Contract Update;**

Motion made by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Langan to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

10. **Request for Budget Transfer (#09-04): Increase in Expenditures with Offsetting Increase in Revenue: Allocation of a grant/scholarship from the National Drug Court Institute to help defray travel costs associated with the Drug Court Planning initiative training for eight Drug Court members in March 2009:**

Mr. Quam indicated this item requires no action as it was approved at the February meeting.

11. **Director's Report:**

a. **WCHSA Minutes:**

Mr. Quam highlighted actions of the WCHSA meeting held on 2/5/09, specifically related to Badger Care. Although there are now 15,000 families on this program (40,000 family units), the state has not increased the Governor's budget for the next year.

Supervisor Knier asked Ms. Sellen if the Wisconsin Counties Association is lobbying on this issue. Ms. Sellen responded she will be giving a report to the Executive Committee at their next meeting as it is one of the top priorities of WCA. Supervisor Knier asked if it would be appropriate to prepare a resolution in addition to the lobbying efforts.

Supervisor Krueger pointed out that the WCA Board of Directors has targeted four issues which are most important to Wisconsin counties, Badger Care being one of them. He stated that he would support sending a resolution to the WCA as they will be reviewing resolutions at a conference scheduled in the next few months.

Supervisor Krueger informed the committee that a budget hearing will be held on April 1st at Lawrence University in Appleton beginning at 10 a.m. In addition there is a lobbying effort on nursing homes to be held in Madison on April 22nd.

Krueger informed the committee that he is making an effort to schedule a meeting with area legislators to discuss issues of an increased levy, increased fees, etc.

Motion made by Supervisor Knier and seconded by Supervisor Langan to refer to Corporation Counsel with a request to draft appropriate language in a resolution relative to Badger Care and the Governor's Budget, with input from Human Services Director Mark Quam, County Executive Tom Hinz and Legislative Assistant Jayme Sellen. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Other issues brought forward by Director Quam include:

- RFP relative to electronic medical records has been received and applications are being reviewed for selection. Within the next month, a budget transfer will be submitted for approval. Dollars (estimated at \$150,000 to \$200,000) are in reserve for this purpose.
- Family Care – A meeting will be held at the Sophie Beaumont Building on April 27th at 1 p.m. to discuss this issue. Andy Phillips, a consultant to the Wisconsin Counties Association, will be in attendance to make a presentation, along with representatives of other counties. The debate will be, “What is the right ratio for Brown County vs. others”

**Motion made by Supervisor Knier and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to receive and place on file the Director’s Report.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Veterans Dept. No agenda items
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Other:

12. **Audit of Bills:**

Motion made by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Langan to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Langan to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Rae G. Knippel,
Recording Secretary